

**Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities**  
**Maryland Department of Aging**  
**December 20, 2021 (Virtual Meeting)**  
**10:00 am – 11:00 am DRAFT Minutes**

**Members Present**

Rona Kramer, Secretary, Maryland Department of Aging  
Claudia Balog, 1199 SEIU, United Health Workers East  
Chris Cherkouras, Executive Director, Talbot Hospice  
Virginia Crespo, United Seniors of Maryland  
Stevanne Ellis, State Long-Term Care Ombudsman  
Delegate Ken Kerr, House Health and Government Operations Committee  
Hope Morris, Health Facilities Association of Maryland (HFAM)  
Dr. Patricia Nay, OHCQ  
Leslie Ray, District Dir. of Operations, Brookdale Senior Living  
Heather Reed, MDH  
Kirsten Robb-McGrath, Director of Health and Behavioral Policy, Department of Disabilities  
Heang Tan, AAA Director, Baltimore City  
Beverly Mylar, Consumer Representative  
Stefani O’Dea, Behavioral Health Association  
Margo Quinlan, MHA of MD  
Greg Seseck, Manager of Programs, Human Services  
Joanne L. Smikle, Consumer Representative  
Lorrie Van Akkeren, Voices for Quality Care

**Members Absent**

Honorable Pamela Beidle, Member of the Finance Committee  
Delegate Lisa Belcastro, House Health and Government Operations Committee  
Eric Colchamiro, Representing Alzheimer’s Association, Greater MD Chapter  
Honorable Addi Eckardt, Member of Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee  
Karin Lakin, Maryland Association of Adult Day Services  
Mia Martino, Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, Frederick County  
Kathryn Graning, Mid-Atlantic Lifespan  
Catherine Hamel, MD Hospital Association  
Phyllis Meyerson, Maryland Chapter, AARP  
Karen Sylvester, AAA Director, Prince George’s County

**Staff Present**

Alexandra Baldi, Maryland Department of Aging  
Carol Fenderson, Deputy Director, State Programs, Office of Health Care Quality  
Lisa O’Connor, Maryland Department of Aging

**Opening Statement from MDoA**

Secretary Rona Kramer greeted the members and asked for a motion to review and approve the annual evaluation report drafted by the Subcommittee. Motion was approved.

**Review and Approval of Subcommittee Annual Report**

Claudia Balog, on behalf of the Subcommittee, presented an overview of the annual report.

Motion to place the draft annual report on the floor for discussion was approved.

Dr. Patricia Nay motioned to strike the COVID-19 Report and Findings under section one, Workforce.

After discussion, The Annual Report was approved by the Full Committee, with an amendment to strike the COVID-19 Report and Findings under section one.

**Next Meeting**

TBD

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 am